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ADVANCED PRACTICE COMMITTEE Minutes

The Advanced Practice Committee held a meeting on June 29, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

PRESENT: Megan Williams, Jean Gallagher, Ron Castaldo, Cindy Drew, JoAnn Baker, Cindy Cunningham, Robert McKennett

ABSENT: Allen Prettyman, Leslie Verucci, Delphos Price, Sandy Elliott, Candace Sandal

GUESTS: Amanda Bostick, MSN; Jenni Callard; David Stewart

PRESIDING: Megan Williams

STAFF: Pamela Zickafoose, Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes from March 30, 2015 were reviewed. Dr. Castaldo made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. McKennett. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Legislation and Future Plans

Dr. Williams and Dr. Zickafoose provided an update on the current legislation- SB 57 with SA 1 and SS1 for SB 101. Both are on the House ready list awaiting House approval. They may be placed on the agenda for June 30th but the agenda was not posted as of the start of this meeting. They could also be placed on a consent agenda for tomorrow. Dr. Williams provided an overview of the major changes incurred on SS1 including the provision to review the APRN committee and independent practice component within 4 years and reporting back to the General Assembly. Members agreed the bills were not perfect but they were pleased with the progress so far. Dr. Zickafoose added there was a new bill (HB 157) pertaining to freestanding EDs and Dr. Prettyman expressed concerns over "midlevel" language. Mr. Mangler worked with DHSS to improve the language for APRNs.

Future plans will include implementation of the bills once they are passed. This includes who will continue on the new APRN Committee. Dr. Zickafoose asked all members who were interested to submit a letter of interest and their resume to the BON. The names will be taken to the Board

for final approval. Dr. Williams reminded members of the composition of the new committee. As the law is written, she will become the chair of the new committee and will fill the FNP spot. Therefore, we need a CNS, CRNA, and CNM on the new committee. Please consider this opportunity and share the information with others who might be interested.

Dr. Zickafoose asked if they had suggestions of where to start on the competencies, benchmarks and metrics for each role. Dr. Baker suggested using the Essentials document from AACN and the information provided for the specific certification exams. Dr. Cunningham shared an email sent by DSAMH regarding FNP's practicing in behavioral health. Members also discussed potential ideas for requirements for independent practice such as: 1) written evidence of successful completion of the practice period with the collaborator (ie. A letter), and 2) No disciplinary actions against the license. The new APRN committee will develop these criteria further. Dr. Williams added that we will need to keep a record of all information to track the progression over the next four years. Members also discussed that nurses who plan to open their own business will need many other things such as a business license, insurance, etc. Ms. Drew stated she has owned her business for several years and now physicians refer clients to her but her business does not require the APRN license.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

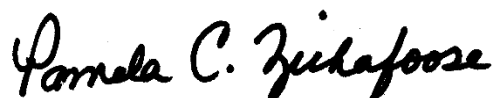
OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only): Members discussed the many contributions of Dr. Allen Prettyman and their gratitude for all his efforts with this legislation. They stated they wanted to honor him at this meeting for all his contributions to APRNs in Delaware. Many thanks to Dr. Prettyman and the committee members wished him great success with his new position in Arizona. Dr. Baker questioned whether she should submit a written report to Dr. Williams after the Controlled Substance Committee meets and Dr. Williams agreed that would be a helpful update for the APRN meetings. Members also recapped all the grassroots efforts in the last few days toward the APRN bills and they were hopeful both would pass this legislative session. Members also expressed their gratitude for Mr. Chris DiPietro for his legislative efforts and for being authentic and working with integrity. Dr. Castaldo concluded this committee has had a huge impact in a short time considering our surrounding states progress with APRN legislation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Three members of the public commented on the work of this committee and their experience as APRNs and/or advanced practice students in DE.

NEXT MEETING – Potentially July 27th in Newark to wrap up this committee.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela C. Zickafoose". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pamela C. Zickafoose, EdD, MSN, RN, NE-BC, CNE
Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing